GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3357
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2004
PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ARMS
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Reserve Police Force has taken up a five year plan to improve its weaponary, equipment, mobility communication system and training;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of battalions raised by the CRPF in the last two year;

(d) whether the CRPF requires ground 65 new battalions to meet the necessary demand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government has approved a five year perspective plan (2002-2007) for modernization of weaponry, machinery and equipment, transport, communication and surveillance systems and training equipment for the Central Reserve Police Force with a view to enhance the operational efficiency and also to cope with the challenge of increased militancy and terrorism, at an estimated cost of Rs.542.75 crores. The major thrust is to acquire modern weapons and ammunition, special protective equipment, protected vehicles, advance communication equipment and modern training aids etc.

(c): During the last two years the following number of battalions have been raised:

```
2002-03  = 13
2003-04  = 22
```

(d)&(e): Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned 64 new battalions for Central Reserve Police Force to be raised in a phased manner over a period of 5 years beginning from 2001 and appropriate land for BN Hq./Company site for these battalions would be required.